

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 21st, 2024

145 Alive Event Next Week

The UK organisers have arranged for a 145 Alive event to be held on Saturday 27th January between 13:00 and 15:00 local time on 2 metre FM. While there is limited EI participation this time, the IRTS plan to arrange a large 145 Alive event later in the year when weather conditions should be more favourable for outdoor operating. On January 27th, thirty control stations will be on the air in the UK and Ireland, including three in Ireland at Ballybay, Co. Monaghan, Clermont Cairn, Co. Louth, and Watergrasshill, Co. Cork. A further four GI stations will be in action in also. You are invited to please support this event.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The January meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio group, EI2WRC, will take place on Monday, January 29th at 8 p.m. sharp at the New Community Men's Shed, Ozanam Centre, Coffee House Lane, Waterford. Anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular, very welcome to attend. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

IRTS AGM Weekend Update

Shannon Basin Radio Club announce that tickets for the 2024 IRTS Gala Dinner are now available for sale. They may be purchased directly from the club's website for the event which is www.sbrc.ie/agmweekend They may also be purchased from a club committee member at the upcoming Phoenix Amateur Radio Club rally in Coolmine and the Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club rally in Ennis. A full house is expected again this year so you are advised to get your ticket in good time to avoid disappointment. Please note that online purchases will incur a small additional processing charge. The gala dinner will be held in the Shearwater Hotel in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway on Saturday night April 13th, 2024, as part of the IRTS AGM Weekend activities.

New SOTA Mountain goat

Congratulations to Colm Breathnach, EI9KY, from Waterford who reached 1,000 Summit on the Air (SOTA) points on Saturday 13th January on Shehy More EI/IS-049 in Cork to become EI's latest Mountain Goat. Colm becomes the 5th EI Mountain Goat and joins EI3KA, EI7KH, EI6FR, and EI9KP in this exclusive club.

Winter Field Day is Coming

Winter Field Day is a communications exercise held on the last full weekend in January

which is next weekend. It is sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association who encourage emergency operating preparedness during the winter months. At the time of compiling this news, there were over seven hundred stations registered worldwide with just four in Ireland. Categories include home stations, indoor and outdoor stations, in addition to mobile or mobile/stationary. You can find out more and how to register for this event at www.winterfieldday.org

Rally Dates for your Diary

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place on Sunday February 11th, 2024. It will be held in Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, Eircode D15 FW97. Admission is five euro and doors open at 11 a.m. The usual traders will be in attendance. If you wish to secure a table for the rally or require further information about the event, contact Tony EI7GI by phone at +353 87-2439997.

The Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club Rally will take on Sunday February 25th in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. Doors will open at 11.00 a.m. All the main traders will be present and there will be an extensive bring and buy section. Tables for the event are filling up and if you require one or more, please contact Dermot Gleeson at [dermotgleeson1 /at/gmail.com](mailto:dermotgleeson1@atgmail.com).

In April, the Shannon Basin Radio Club rally takes place on Sunday April 14th. It will be held in the Shearwater Hotel in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway as part of the 2024 IRTS AGM weekend. Doors will open at 10.00 a.m. A large number of traders and clubs are now booked to take part in this. It will feature a bring and buy as well as the hugely popular monster raffle. Further information may be found at www.sbrc.ie/agmweekend

Following this, Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club's 40th rally will take place on Sunday 5th May 2024. The venue will be the Share Discovery Village located at 221 Lisnaskea Rd, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen BT92 0JZ. The usual traders will be in attendance including the IRTS, RSGB bookstall, QSL Bureau, IRTS, and a bring and buy. Food and drink are available at the rally, with lunch also being served. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Admission will be five euro or five pound which includes a ticket for the draw on the day.

Upcoming CW Contests

The 2024 CQ Worldwide 160m CW contest takes place from 10 p.m. next Friday January 26th until 10 p.m. on Sunday 28th. All times are local. This is intended for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many U.S. states, Canadian provinces, and countries as possible on the 160-meter band. The next 80m contest of the 2023-2024 UK and Ireland Contest Club season is on Wednesday 31st January 2024 at 20:00 local time on CW. The bonus stations EI5G, operated by Pete EI7CC, and GM5GEI, operated by Chris

GM3WOJ will be active.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to newsteam /at/ irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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